

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

2 46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE  
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE  
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11, Section 1  
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "The "public regulation commission" is created. The  
19 commission shall consist of five members ~~[elected]~~ appointed by  
20 the governor with the consent of the senate from districts  
21 provided by law for staggered four-year terms beginning on  
22 January 1 of the year following their ~~[election]~~ appointment;  
23 provided that those ~~[chosen at the]~~ first ~~[general election]~~  
24 appointed after the adoption of this section shall immediately  
25 classify themselves by lot, so that two of them shall hold

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1 office for two years and three of them for four years [~~and~~  
2 ~~further provided that, after serving two terms, members shall~~  
3 ~~be ineligible to hold office as a commission member until one~~  
4 ~~full term has intervened~~]. No commissioner or [candidate]  
5 nominee for the commission shall have been employed by an  
6 entity regulated by the commission for the ten years prior to  
7 appointment or accept anything of value from a person or entity  
8 whose charges for services to the public are regulated by the  
9 commission. "

10 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
11 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
12 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
13 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
14 purpose.

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